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In the Application of Martin Drechsler et al

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For: UV Supported Thermal Treatment of Compound Semiconductors in RTP Systems

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LETTER

Sir:

After numerous conversations with the Applications Branch, it has been determined that there is no record of receipt of the above-identified National Stage PCT application. However, we can confirm that the Express Mail envelope containing this application did reach the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as a separate application sent in the same Express Mail envelope was received.

The entire file was searched for the filing postcard and the filing receipt. Neither item has been received in our office.

Therefore, we are enclosing a further copy of the application papers as well as a Declaration under 1.68 and a copy of the Express Mail label. Since the check submitted with the original application has not cleared our bank, we are also enclosing a substitute check in the amount due at the time of the filing of the application.

We respectfully request that the application be entered as filed on November 5, 2001, a serial number assigned, and a filing receipt issued recognizing the original filing date.

Respectfully submitted,



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